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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 31 were presented for examination. In the Office Action mailed on November 18, 2004, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 17, 21, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Rhee reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,064,272). Claims 2 – 16, and 18 – 20 and 22 – 25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 27 – 31 were allowed.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection. However, in order to expedite the allowance of the patentable claims, the Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 and 21, changed the dependencies of Claims 17 and 26 so that they depend upon allowable claims, and amended the allowable claims to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. The Applicant reserves the right to continue prosecuting the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a continuation application to be filed at a later date.

Conclusion

In light of the amendments presented herein, the Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this Application is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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